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SUBJECT: SITHOLE ON HIS POSSIBLE RETURN TO RHODESIA AND ZANU
REORGANIZATION

1. NDABANINGI SITHOLE MET WITH THE LOCAL PRESS MARCH 30 TO ANNOUNCE THE REORGANIZATION OF ZANU (HIS VERSION). SITHOLE TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE WAS SERIOUSLY PLANNING TO RETURN TO RHODESIA WHERE HE WOULD "ORGANIZE ZANU FIGHTERS EFFECTIVELY." ASKED IF HE DID NOT RISK BEING ARRESTED, SITHOLE SAID THIS WAS A RISK, BUT HE COULD MINIMIZE THIS BY ENTERING RHODESIA SECRETLY. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE DIVISIONS IN THE FIGHTING FORCES OF ZANU. THERE ARE THREE GROUPS -- THOSE LOYAL TO MUGABE, THOSE LOYAL TO TONGOGARA AND A THIRD GROUP BACKING SITHOLE.

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2. REVEREND SITHOLE PASSED OUT TO THE PRESS A STATEMENT ON THE REORGANIZATION OF ZANU. THE STATEMENT SAID THE REORGANIZATION, NECESSITATED BY DESERTIONS AND CONSEQUENT STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ZANU, PROVIDED FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OTHER BODIES ON THE BASIS OF ETHNIC BALANCE. ALSO, THE INTENTION OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION IS TO COMPEL ALL OFFICE-BEARERS "TO FEEL, THINK AND ACT NATIONALLY

AND NOT TRIBALLY. THE SIXTEEN MEMBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS DIVIDED
ETHNICALLY AS FOLLOWS:-

NDAU - 2, KARANGA - 2, KALANGA - 2, ZEZURU - 2, NDEBELE - 2,
MANYIKA - 2, KOREKORE - 2, VENDA - 1, COLORED - 1. PRINCIPLE
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NAMED WERE: PRESIDENT - NDABANINGI
SITHOLE, DEPUTY PRESIDENT - LEONARD NYEMBA; SECRETARY-GENERAL -
JOEL MANDAZA, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN - Z.T. CHIGUMIRA. POSITIONS
WERE PROVIDED FOR 16 NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE
NINE OF WHICH WERE LEFT UNFILLED.

3. FULL TEXT OF REORGANIZATION STATEMENT AND DESIGNATION OF
ICUMBENTS BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEES.

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